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Serial No. 09/710,834

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Title: BLACK MAGNETIC ACICULAR COMPOSITE PARTICLES FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM USING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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previously paid for	36	(at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due October 22, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a two-month extension of time is \$420 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now December 22, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.